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## **Top links**

#### ThumbDV: \$120 D-STAR USB dongle

Our DV3000 product, which is designed to be the vocoder for our forthcoming UDRX-440 digital radio, also acts as a popular add-on board to the Raspberry Pi single board computer.

NW Digital Radio

#### SSTV transmissions from ISS set for December 18 and 20

The expected SSTV mode will be PD180 on a frequency of 145.800 MHz with 3-minute off periods between transmissions. Several passes will be over North America.

ARRL

#### Polish radio amateurs achieve 2 million km record

On December 8, Michal Zawada SQ5KTM reported a new record listening to ARTSAT2:DESPATCH from deep space from a distance of 2,316,759 km or 7.7 light seconds. AMSAT UK

# Low power, license exempt wireless network: UKHASnet

A simple, low power, licence exempt wireless network used for remote temperature sensing and high altitude meteorological balloon communications.

UKHASnet

### **DIY matchbox size APRS transceiver with MicroAPRS**

This device can transmit and receive APRS beacon positions and APRS messages. Received packets are displayed on a small OLED screen.

## MacLoggerDX HD: Logging app for iPad

MacLoggerDX HD monitors spots from your favorite DX Cluster, alerting you to rare contacts or band opening, and displaying real time propagation paths on a zoomable map.

Mac Ham Radio

# The importance of 1929

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Why 1929? It seems that 1929 was really the beginning of much that we have come to recognize.

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# DX Engineering acquires Bencher, Butternut Antenna product lines ARRL

## **New products**

#### Icom introduces IC-2730A dual band VHF/UHF mobile transceiver

The IC-2730A provides VHF/VHF, UHF/UHF simultaneous receive capability as well as VHF/UHF receive. Main dials, volume, squelch knobs and primal buttons are symmetrically laid out for each band.

**Icom** 

#### Yaesu introduces FT2DR dual band handheld transceiver

Unit includes touchscreen display, GPS, APRS, dual monitor, more... GigaParts

#### **Reviews**

#### First impressions: Wouxun KG-UV950PL

I initially thought this would be a 3rd-party rework, swapping 10m for 4m but it turns out that MLS commissioned a custom version to be made in the Wouxun factory.

PD0AC

#### **Video**

## Behind the scenes at special event station 2SZ

A look at the operation of 2SZ, a special event amateur radio station established at Mill Hill School, London to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the first radio contact between Great Britain and New Zealand.

Southgate

# And finally...

## Morse Code in "Porky's Railroad," a 1938 Looney Tunes classic

There's a scene in the movie where a railroad telegrapher is sending a message in Morse Code. This was obviously being sent by a radio guy.

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